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SUBJ: TOFAEL AHMED REQUESTING REFUGE

1. TOFAEL AHMED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE LATE PRESIDENT, HAS PASSED WORD THROUGH JOHN ADMANS, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU SPECIALIST ON LOAN TO UN TO ASSIST BDG, THAT HE WISHES TAKE REFUGE IN AN EMBASSY HOUSE. ADMANS IS NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR TO TOFAEL.

2. ACCORDING ADMANS, TOFAEL WAS SEIZED AT 0530 AUGUST 15 BY UNIFORMED MEN; ADMANS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THEY WERE ARMY OR NOT BUT WE ASSUME THEY MUST HAVE BEEN. AT 0230 AUGUST 16, TOFAEL WAS RETURNED TO HIS HOUSE WHERE HE REMAINS UNDER GUARD. AT 2200 AUGUST 16, TOFAEL ASKED ADMANSTO COME TO HIS (TOFAEL'S) HOUSE AND SAID HE FELT "INSECURE AND UNSAFE" AND ASKED ADMANS FOR REFUGE IN AN EMBASSY HOUSE. ADMANS AGREED TO CHECK AND CAME TO EMBASSY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS AUGUST 18 TO TELL US OF TOFAEL'S REQUEST.

3. SINCE WE HAVE NOT TALKED TO TOFAEL, WE ARE NOT SURE OF REASONS FOR HIS FEAR. HAVING BEEN SIEZED AND THEN RELEASED BY NEW REGIME (WHICH MUST HAVE KNOW OF TOFAEL'S GROWING ALIENATION FROM MUJIB AS RESULTS MONI MACHINATIONS), WE THINK TOFAEL IS BEING DETAINED FOR HIS OWN
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SAFETY IN THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTIANTY. WE SURMISE THAT

HE PLACES LITTLE RELIANCE IN COURAGE AND DEDICATION OF GUARDS AND ANTICIPATES THAT IF SOMEONE SOUGHT SETTLE AN OLD SCORE WITH HIM, GUARDS WOULD INSTANTLY BOLT.

4. THIS SITUATION SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT INVOLVING MON'S SURVIVORS. IN THAT INSTANCE,

- (I) FAMILY HAS SOUND REASON TO CONCLUDE THEY CONFRONTED IMMEDIATE DANGER TO LIVES FROM NEW REGIME,
- (II) HAD ALREADY GAINED ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY HOUSE WHEN THEY MADE REQUEST, AND
- (III) SOUGHT TO OFFER ASSURANCES THEY WOULD LEAVE WHEN CURFEW NEXT LIFTED (WHICH THEY DID).

IN PRESENT SETTING,

- (I) PERIOD OF MOST IMMEDIATE DANGER APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED, AND
- (II) TOFAEL IS STILL IN OWN RESIDENCE WITH GUARDS WHO WOULD SEEM CHARGED NOT ONLY WITH DETAINING HIM BUT ALSO WITH PROTECTING HIM.

WE ARE THEREFORE PASSING WORD TO TOFAEL THAT WE DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN ASSIST HIM IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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